

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A method for operating chipcard applications in a chipcard application system comprising at least one chipcard
5 and at least one terminal, the system being provided with card holder verification means comprising in turn at least a PIN and a chipcard ID, the method comprising:

10 checking the presence of an initial trusted association between at least one preferred terminal and said chipcard; and

subsequently running the remainder of the chipcard application program in case that said trusted association is present.

2. The method according to claim 1 in which said
15 checking the presence of said trusted association comprises comparing the chipcard-Id stored on the chipcard with one or more chipcard-Ids stored in the terminal.

3. The method according to claim 1 in which said
20 checking the presence of said trusted association comprises comparing the Terminal ID of the terminal with one or more terminal Ids stored on the Chipcard.

4. The method according to claim 1 further comprising controlling the presence of said initial association by controlling means which are provided via a network the terminal or the chipcard is connectable to.

5 5. The method according to claim 2 in which said initial association is stored in storage means of said terminal and comprises an association between at least one preferred terminal and a plurality of chipcards.

6. The method according to claim 2 in which a PIN is
10 checked hidden from the chipcard user.

7. The method according to claim 3 in which a PIN is checked hidden from the chipcard user.

8. The method according to claim 2 in which the presence of the trusted association is the only criterion
15 for entering the remainder of the chipcard application program.

9. The method according to claim 3 in which the presence of the trusted association is the only criterion for entering the remainder of the chipcard application
20 program.

10. A terminal device having storing means for storing its terminal-ID and at least one pair of matching chipcard-ID and PIN and logic circuit means for performing the steps of the method according to claim 1.

5 11. Computer program comprising code portions adapted for performing the steps according to the method according to claim 1 when said program is loaded into a computer device.

10 12. Computer program product stored on a computer usable medium comprising computer readable program means for causing a computer to perform the method of claim 1.

13. A terminal device having storage means for storing its terminal-ID and making it accessible by a chipcard-resident application program.

15 14. A chipcard usable for interaction with the terminal device according to claim 13, the chipcard having means for storing its chipcard-ID, at least one terminal-ID and a PIN.

15. A chipcard according to claim 14, further having logic circuit means for performing:

5 checking the presence of an initial trusted association between at least one preferred terminal and said chipcard; and

 subsequently running the remainder of the chipcard application program in case that said trusted association is present.

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